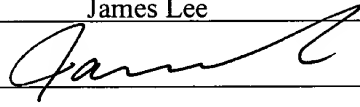


REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that Claims 1-9 and 14-15 were allowed and that the subject matter of Claim 11 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Claim 10 has now been amended to incorporate the allowed subject matter of Claim 11. It is believed that Claim 10, as amended, and dependent Claims 12 and 13 are now allowable.

It is believed that the case is in condition for allowance, and an early notification of the same is requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

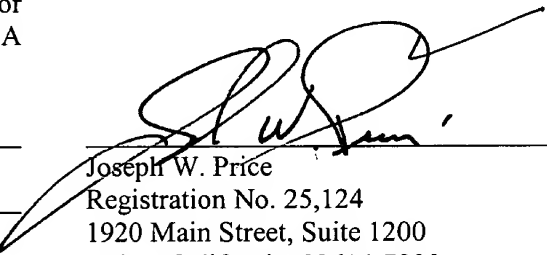
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